

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Schneider et al.
App. No : 10/549,651
Filed : January 8, 2007
For : BRACING ARRANGEMENT WITH
OVERLOAD PROTECTION
Examiner : Gary Wayne Estremsky
Art Unit : 3673
Conf No. : 6186

AMENDMENT**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough or brackets to indicate deletions.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.